

# Senate Passes Budget with **NO TAX INCREASES**

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**“By passing the no tax  
hike budget, lawmakers  
will begin the process  
of getting Connecticut’s  
fiscal house in order”**

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& Industry Association  
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As we all know, Connecticut faces tough fiscal challenges due to lingering effects of a global recession, slow job growth and a structural shift in our economy. Due to this new economic reality, this budget reflects some difficult choices. However, I believe **this agreement is fair**, draws upon the **best ideas and compromises from both political parties**, and represents the **priorities of the residents of the 12th District**.



**Nonpartisan analysts: CT budget  
wipes away lots of red ink**

### **Sends a Strong Message to Taxpayers & Businesses**

- Does NOT raise income tax rates
- Does NOT raise sales tax rates
- Does NOT raise business or corporate tax rates

### **Implements Spending Cuts & Structural Changes**

- **\$1.5 billion from the state budget has been cut** over the past year
- **Over \$820 million in long-term spending reductions** and structural changes will carry forward in future years
- Significantly **cuts the government's payroll**
- **Reduces spending** on state workers by capping nonunion pensions and increasing health care premiums

### **Protects Hospital Funding & Leverages Our Bioscience Sector**

- **Protects funding to Yale-New Haven and other hospitals**, the drivers of our local economy and our emerging bioscience sector
- **Continues to invest significantly in our research universities**, the hubs of innovation, ensuring that we have a competitive, highly educated workforce

### **Increases Funding for Towns & Safeguards the Most Vulnerable**

- **Increases municipal funding by nearly \$50 million**
- Continues a **strong level of local education funding** to ensure that our schools remain among the best in the nation
- **Dedicates a new stream of state funding to every town** in the state to hold down property taxes
- **Protects funding** for people with disabilities and seniors